

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A communication method for use in a communication system utilizing ~~multiple-bands~~ a plurality of bands, the communication method comprising the steps of:

mapping a bit stream in a data stream to the ~~multiple~~plurality of bands, respectively, in a first band order wherein the first band order indicates a mapping pattern for mapping the bit stream to the respective plurality of bands;

mapping the bit stream to the ~~multiple-same plurality of bands, as the plurality of bands used to map the bit stream in the first band order~~, in a second band order, wherein the second band order indicates a mapping pattern that is different than from the mapping pattern of the first band order; and

transmitting the bit stream mapped to the plurality of bands respectively in the first band order and the bit stream mapped to the plurality of bands respectively in the second band order ~~for receipt by a receiver without changing the plurality of bands used to transmit the bit stream a transmission frequency band of the multiple-bands~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The communication method of claim 1, wherein the method is for use in an Ultra Wideband (UWB) communication system which utilizes a plurality of UWB multi-bands and wherein the transmitting step comprises the steps of:

transmitting the bit stream in the first band order via a first UWB multi-band of the plurality of UWB multi-bands and the bit stream in the second band order via a second UWB multi-band of the plurality of UWB multi-bands.

3. (Currently Amended) The communication method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

receiving a received error indicator corresponding to the bit stream in the first band order, wherein the bit stream is mapped to the ~~multiple~~plurality of bands in the second band order and transmitted in the second band order only responsive to receipt of the received error indicator.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The communication method of claim 1, wherein the bit stream is mapped to the plurality of multiple bands in the first band order in a frame time and wherein the step of mapping the bit stream to the multipleplurality of bands in the second band order comprises the steps of:

mapping the bit stream to the multipleplurality of bands in the second band order in a subsequent frame time to the frame time in which the bit stream is mapped to the multiple plurality of bands in the first band order.

7. (Currently Amended) A communication method for use in a communication system including a transmitter utilizing multiple bandsa plurality of bands, the transmitter capable of mapping: (1) an input bit stream to the multipleplurality of bands in a first band order wherein the first band order indicates a mapping pattern for mapping the bit stream to the respective plurality of bands and (2) the input bit stream to the multipleplurality of bands, as the plurality of bands used to map the input bit stream in the first band order, in a second band order, wherein the second band order indicates a mapping pattern that is different than from the mapping pattern of the first band order without changing transmission frequency band of the multiple the plurality of bands, the communication method comprising the steps of:

receiving a bit stream in the multipleplurality of bands during a first transmission and an other bit stream in the multipleplurality of bands during a second transmission, each of the received bit streams corresponding to the input bit stream;

demapping the received bit stream according to the first band order pattern to obtain a first band bit stream corresponding to the input bit stream;

demapping the other bit stream according to the second band order pattern to obtain a second band bit stream corresponding to the input bit stream; and

processing the first and second band bit streams to yield the input bit stream.

8. (Currently Amended) The communication method of claim 7, wherein the first and second band bit streams each include symbols and wherein the processing step comprises the step of:

combining symbols in the first band bit stream with corresponding symbols in the second band bit stream; and

processing the combined symbols to yield the input bit stream.

9. (Currently Amended) The communication method of claim 7, wherein the transmitter is configured to map the input bit stream to the ~~multiple~~plurality of bands in the second band order responsive to an error detection signal and wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

detecting errors in the first transmission; and

generating the error detection signal for receipt by the transmitter responsive to the detected errors.

10. (Currently Amended) An ~~A~~ communication apparatus for use in a communication system utilizing ~~multiple bands~~a plurality of bands, the communication apparatus comprising:

a mapper configured to map a bit stream to the ~~multiple~~plurality of bands, respectively, in a first band order wherein the first band order indicates a mapping pattern for mapping the bit stream to the respective plurality of bands and to map the bit stream to the ~~multiple~~same plurality of bands, as the plurality of bands used to map the bit stream in the first band order, in a second band order wherein the second band order indicates a mapping pattern that is different than from the mapping pattern of the first band order; and

a transmitter coupled to the mapper, the transmitter configured to transmit the bit stream mapped to the plurality of bands respectively in the first band order and the bit stream mapped to the plurality of bands respectively in the second band order ~~for receipt by the receiver without changing a transmission frequency band of the multiple bands~~the plurality of bands used to transmit the bit stream.

11. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus of claim 10, wherein the transmitter is an Ultra Wideband (UWB) multi-band transmitter.

12. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus of claim 10, wherein the mapper is further configured to receive a received error indicator corresponding to the bit stream mapped to the ~~multiple~~plurality of bands in the first band order and wherein the mapper only maps the bit stream to the ~~multiple~~plurality of bands in the second band order for transmission by the transmitter responsive to receipt of the received error indicator.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus of claim 10, wherein the mapper is configured to map the bit stream to the multiple plurality of bands in the first band order in a frame time and to map the bit stream to the same plurality of multiple-bands in the second band order in a subsequent frame time to the frame time in which the bit stream is mapped to the first band order.

15. (Currently Amended) An A communication apparatus for use in a communication system including a transmitter utilizing multiple-bands a plurality of bands, the transmitter capable of mapping: (1) an input bit stream to the plurality of multiple bands in a first band order wherein the first band order indicates a mapping pattern for mapping the bit pattern to the respective plurality of bands and (2) the input bit stream to the same plurality of multiple bands, as the plurality of bands used to map the input bit stream in the first band order, in a second band order, wherein the second band order indicates a mapping pattern that is different than the mapping pattern of the first band order without changing a transmission-frequency band of the multiple-the plurality of bands, the communication apparatus comprising:

a receiver configured to receive a bit stream corresponding to the input bit stream in the multiple plurality of bands during a first transmission and an other bits stream corresponding to the input bit stream in the multiple-same plurality of bands during a second transmission;

a demapper coupled to the receiver, the demapper configured to demap the bit stream according to the first band order mapping pattern to obtain a first band bit stream corresponding to the input bit stream and to demap the other bit stream according to the second ~~second~~-band order mapping pattern to obtain a second band bit stream corresponding to the first band bit stream; and

a processor coupled to the demapper, the processor configured to process the first and second band bit streams to yield the input bit stream.

16. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus of claim 15, wherein the first and second input bit streams each include symbols and wherein the processor is further configured to combine symbols in the first input bit stream with corresponding symbols in the second input bit stream and to process the first and second input bit streams to yield the input bit stream.

17. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus of claim 16, wherein the transmitter maps the portion of the input bit stream to the multiple plurality of bands in the second band order responsive to an error detection signal and wherein the processor is further configured to detect

errors in the first transmission and to generate the error detection signal for receipt by the transmitter responsive to the detected error.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for use in a communication system utilizing ~~multiple-bands~~ plurality of bands, the system comprising:

means for mapping a bit stream to the plurality of multiple bands, respectively, in a first band order wherein the first band order indicates a mapping pattern for mapping the bit stream to the respective plurality of bands;

means for mapping the bit stream to the same plurality of bands, as the plurality of bands used to map the bit stream in the first band order, ~~multiple-bands~~ in a second band order wherein the second band order indicates a mapping pattern that is different ~~than from the mapping pattern of the first band order~~; and

means for transmitting the bit stream mapped to the plurality of bands respectively in the first band order and the bit stream mapped to the plurality of bands in the second band order ~~for receipt by a receiver without changing a transmission frequency band of the multiple-bands~~ the plurality of bands used to transmit the bit stream.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, further comprising:

means for receiving a received error indicator corresponding to the bit stream in the first band order, wherein the bit stream is mapped to the ~~multiple~~ plurality of bands in the second band order and transmitted in the second band order only responsive to receipt of the received error indicator.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for use in a communication system including a transmitter utilizing ~~multiple-bands~~ plurality of bands, the transmitter capable of mapping: (1) an input bit stream to the plurality of multiple bands in a first band order wherein the first band order indicates a mapping pattern for mapping the bit stream to the respective plurality of bands and (2) the input bit stream to the same plurality of bands, as the plurality of bands used to map the input bit stream in the first band order, ~~multiple-bands~~ in a second band order, wherein the second band order indicates a mapping pattern that is different ~~than from the mapping pattern of the first band order~~ without changing a transmission frequency band of the multiple ~~the plurality of bands~~, the communication system comprising:

means for receiving a bit stream in the ~~multiple~~plurality of bands during a first transmission and an other bit stream in the ~~multiple~~same plurality of bands during a second transmission, each of the received bit streams corresponding to the input bit stream;

means for demapping the received bit stream according to the first band order mapping pattern to obtain a first band bit stream corresponding to the input bit stream;

means for demapping the other bit stream according to the second band order mapping pattern to obtain a second band bit stream corresponding to input bit stream; and

means for processing the first and second band bit streams to yield the input bit stream.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the means for processing comprises:

means for combining symbols in the first band bit stream with corresponding symbols in the second band bit stream; and

means for processing the combined symbols to yield the input bit stream.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the transmitter is configured to map the input bit stream to the ~~multiple~~plurality of bands in the second band order responsive to an error detection signal and wherein the system further comprises:

means for detecting errors in the first transmission; and

means for generating the error detection signal for receipt by the transmitter responsive to the detected errors.

23. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer readable carrier including software that is configured to control a computer to implement a multi-band ultra wideband signal processing method embodied in a computer readable medium, the method including the steps of:

mapping a bit stream to ~~the multiple~~a plurality of bands in a first band order wherein the first band order indicates a mapping pattern for mapping the bit stream to the respective plurality of bands;

mapping the bit stream to the same plurality of multiple bands, as the bands used to map the input bit stream in the first band order, in a second band order, wherein the second band order indicates a mapping pattern that is different ~~than from the mapping pattern of~~ first band order; and

transmitting the bit stream mapped to the plurality of bands respectively in the first band order and the bit stream mapped to the plurality of bands respectively in the second band order for receipt by a receiver without changing the plurality of bands used to transmit the bit stream a transmission frequency band of the multiple bands.

24. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer readable carrier of claim 23, wherein the method implemented by the computer further includes the step of:

receiving a received error indicator corresponding to the bit stream in the first band order, wherein the bit stream is mapped to the ~~multiple~~plurality of bands in the second band order and transmitted in the second band order only responsive to receipt of the received error indicator.

25. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer readable carrier including software that is configured to control a computer to implement a multi-band ultra wideband signal processing method embodied in a computer readable medium for use in a communication system including a transmitter, the transmitter capable of mapping an input bit stream to the ~~multiple bands~~ a plurality of bands in a first band order, wherein the first band order indicates a mapping pattern for mapping the bit stream to the respective plurality of bands, and the input bit stream to the same plurality of bands, as the bands used to map the input bit stream in the first band order, ~~multiple bands~~ in a second band order, wherein the second band order indicates a mapping pattern that is different than ~~from the mapping pattern of~~ the first band order without changing the plurality of bands used to transmit the bit stream a transmission frequency band of the multiple bands, the processing method including the steps of:

receiving a bit stream in the ~~multiple~~plurality of bands during a first transmission and an other bit stream in the ~~multiple~~same plurality of bands during a second transmission, each of the received bit streams corresponding to the input bit stream;

demapping the received bit stream according to the first band order mapping pattern to obtain a first band bit stream corresponding to the input bit stream;

demapping the other bit stream according to the second band order mapping pattern to obtain a second band bit stream corresponding to the input bit stream; and

processing the first and second band bit streams to yield the input bit stream.

26. (Previously Presented) The tangible computer readable carrier of claim 25, wherein the processing step for implementation by the computer comprises the steps of:

combining symbols in the first band bit stream with corresponding symbols in the second band bit stream; and

processing the combined symbols to yield the input bit stream.

27. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer readable carrier of claim 26, wherein the transmitter is configured to map the portion of the input bit stream to the multipleplurality of bands in the second band order responsive to an error detection signal and wherein the method implemented by the computer further includes the step of:

detecting errors in the first transmission; and

generating the error detection signal for receipt by the transmitter responsive to the detected errors.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the bit stream is mapped to each of the multipleplurality of bands in the first band order and is mapped to each of the multipleplurality of bands in the second band order.

29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the bit stream is mapped to each of the multipleplurality of bands in the first band order and is mapped to each of the multipleplurality of bands in the second band order.

30. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer readable carrier of claim 23, wherein the bit stream is mapped to each of the multipleplurality of bands in the first band order and is mapped to each of the multipleplurality of bands in the second band order.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the bit stream is mapped to the plurality of multiple bands in the first band order and is mapped to the same plurality of multiple bands in the second band order without removing one or more bands.

32. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the bit stream is mapped to the ~~plurality of~~multiple bands in the first band order and is mapped to the same plurality ofmultiple bands in the second band order without removing one or more bands.

33. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer readable carrier of claim 23, wherein the bit stream is mapped to the ~~plurality of~~multiple bands in the first band order and is mapped to the same plurality ofmultiple bands in the second band order without removing one or more bands.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein, in the transmitting step, a first frequency band for transmitting the bit stream in the first band order and a second frequency band for transmitting the bit stream in the second band order are the same frequency band.

35. (Canceled)

36. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein, the transmitting step includes simultaneously transmitting the bit stream in the first band order and the bit stream in the second band order for receipt by the receiver.